



Business Meeting Minutes January 19, 2001

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. on January 19, 2001, at Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation Building, Franklin, IN. Those in attendance included the following:

Bruce Nielsen	Joe Tutterrow	Dennis Tumberg
Dave Mockert	Jill Saligoe-Simmel	Michael Baise
John Hill	Lou Zickler	Bob Weaver
John Tanger	Larry Stout	Mike Andrews
Lorraine Wright	Scott Deuel	
Mike Machlan	Irvin Goldblatt	Kent Park
Roger Koelpin	Lindsay Swain	Eric Torok

Introductions / Approval of October 19, 2000 meeting minutes

Introductions were followed by the approval of the October 19, 2000 meeting minutes.

Indiana Geographic Information Catalog

The Indiana Geographic Information Catalog is now online and running. This catalog is linked to the GIS Initiative website under Data Discovery. Jill invited everyone to explore the catalog and populate the site. She also wanted all to know that the catalog is a valuable resource those involved in GIS.

Standards and Recommendations Committee

Larry Stout, who heads the Standards and Recommendations Committee along with Jim Sparks, discussed its purpose, which is to educate those with less knowledge in GIS. The goals of the Standards and Recommendations Committee are generally to provide recommendations and guidelines for GIS users. Mr. Stout raised questions as to whether or not standards should be adopted formally and what procedures should be taken to achieve those standards. The Standards and Recommendations Committee will provide answers and examples to questions relating to metadata, projection and coordinating systems, units and measures, datums, scale and accuracy and cost.

2001 GIS Seminar Series

The IGIC executive committee approved for IGIC to co-sponsor this activity with The Polis Center. Jill discussed needed advertising for these seminars. Although the \$30 fee to attend is generally minimal and covers The Polis Center's fees, it is the goal to eventually offer the seminars for free. Therefore, there is an ongoing search for underwriters and funding sources.

Indiana Land Resources Council

Joe Tutterrow gave a presentation that focused on the preservation of Hoosier farmlands. A Hoosier Farmland Taskforce has been formed that consists of a diverse group of people for better networking. Mr. Tutterrow's presentations covered concerns such as decline in farmlands, importance of farmland, a 1997 report to Governor O'Bannon and information on the Indiana Land Resources Council.

Approval Item #7

Use of funds toward statewide GIS strategic planning. FDGC provided a grant of \$6000 that was to be matched by IDEM. IDEM cannot match the grant as previously believed unless they have a proposal for it. Motion approved.

Census Bureau Presentation

Mr. Scott Deuel gave a presentation on what the Census Bureau is doing in the area of GIS. They are putting out hard copies of maps in the electronic format (HGL and PDF), paper copies and CD/DVD using Tiger line. These maps will provide information such as locating housing units and spatial accuracy.

Statewide GIS Strategic Planning

Questions were raised as to what stills needs to be done and whether or not there are resources that can be shared in achieving dissemination of data and data products, education and outreach, standards and recommendations and networking. Jill stressed the fact that there must be council involvement in completing the online surveys. She also mentioned that the survey is dynamic, meaning that depending upon what you answer determines what you will be asked next

and how much information will be needed from you. Jill also discussed the information she has already received and once again stressed the importance of completing the online survey's as it is a very valuable resource to IGIC.

Web Development Committee

Mr. Eric Torok gave a presentation on the redesign of the INGISI web site. Most of the changes are about reorganization. Some of the changes involved job postings and the addition of a footer with links. Eric mentioned that there would be additional improvements with the assistance of ACCESS Indiana in March 2001.

2001 GIS Conference

Dates for the GIS Conference were discussed. The 2001 Conference will be scheduled in fall. Jill needs to know if there are any potential conflicts dates or black out dates that should not be considered for the seminar. Mark Ehle is the new committee co-chair for the GIS Conference committee. Jill discussed a need for an IGIC member to co-chair with Mr. Ehle. Mr. Michael Machlan volunteered to co-chair the committee. The Council expressed their desire to link a business meeting with the conference date.

House Bill 1503

Council members discussed House Bill 1503. There are concerns as to monetary charges for electronic data and many questions were raised involving what the charges were actually for (enhanced data and not the actual data). Regardless, this discussion will continue on the list serve and Jill will pursue the matter with O'Connell for an interpretation.

Other

The IGIC retreat is tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2001.

Next meeting set for Friday April 20, 2001 from 1 – 4 p.m. at a location to be determined in Hamilton County, pending availability.